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KUMAGAI ET AL.

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FOR REFLECTOR

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Greetings:

This is submitted in timely response to the Office Action mailed on September 23, 2004,
wherein the examiner:

1. Objected to informalities in the specification, in the nature of errors in spelling and grammar.
2. Rejected Claims 1-3 under Section 102(b) as anticipated by Wiklund et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,313,409.

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3. Rejected, under Section 103(a), Claim 4 as unpatentable over Wiklund et al., and Claim 5 over Wiklund et al. as applied to Claim 4 and further in view of Muraoka et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,462,810.

4. Indicated that Claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if they are rewritten to overcome the objections, and to be independent of a rejected base claim.

In response, Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.